Department of Permits and Development Management 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Baltimore County, Maryland

In the Matter of Civil Citation No. 57521

Terry Sage 4105 Perry View Road Baltimore, MD 21236

452 Westfield Road

Respondent

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FINAL ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer for the Department of Permits and Development Management on June 10, 2009, for a Hearing on a citation for violations under the Baltimore County Code (BCC) section 13-7-309, 310, failure to store household waste in tightly covered containers of approved construction, weather tight and rodent resistant on residential property known as 452 Westfield Road, 21222.

On April 15, 2009, pursuant to §3-6-205, Baltimore County Code, Inspector Robert Moorefield issued a Code Enforcement & Inspections Citation. The citation was sent to the Respondent by 1<sup>st</sup> class mail to the last known address listed in the Maryland State Tax Assessment files.

The citation proposed a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars).

The following persons appeared for the Hearing and testified: Terry Sage, property owner and Robert Moorefield, Baltimore County Code Enforcement Inspector.

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After proper consideration of all the evidence and testimony presented, the Hearing Officer

finds:

A. A Correction Notice was issued on March 23, 2009 for storage of garbage in containers

with tight lids, and cease nuisance activity. This Citation was issued on April 15, 2009.

B. Inspector Moorefield testified that re-inspection found the property in compliance with

code requirements, and that there was no evidence of rat activity observed on the property.

Photographs in the file show garbage cans with lids. Because the property was found to be in

compliance before this Hearing, the Citation will be dismissed.

IT IS ORDERED by the Code Enforcement Hearing Officer that the Citation is DISMISSED.

ORDERED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July 2009.

Signed: ORIGINAL SIGNED

Margaret Z. Ferguson

Baltimore County Hearing Officer

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:** The Respondent is advised that (1) pursuant to §3-6-206(g)(2) of the Baltimore County Code, the Respondent may make written application to the Director of the Department of Permits & Development Management within 10 days to modify or amend this order and (2) pursuant to §3-6-301(a), Baltimore County Code, the Respondent may appeal this order to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order; any such appeal requires the filing of a petition setting forth the grounds for appeal, payment of a filing fee of \$150 and the posting of security to satisfy the penalty assessed.

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